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SUBJECT: YOUNG/OBASANJO DISCUSSION OF APARTHEID CONFERENCE
DECLARATION

1. IN COURSE OF LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH OBASANJO AUGUST 23
DEALING PRINCIPALLY WITH RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN PROBLEMS (SEPTEL),
AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND MCHENRY HAD OPPORTUNITY RAISE PROBLEM
PRESENTED FOR US AND SOME OTHER WESTERN POWERS BY CHAPTER VII
LANGUAGE AS CURRENTLY CONTAINED IN APARTHEID CONFERENCE DRAFT
DECLARATIION. OBASANJO GAVE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO MCHENRY'S
EXPRESSION OF CONCERN THAT WE COULD NOT AGREE IN THIS
DOCUMENT TO DO SOMETHING WE WOULD BE UNWILLING SUBSEQUENTLY TO
SUPPORT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. OBASANJO APPEARED SIMILARLY
ATTENTIVE TO YOUNG'S EXPLANATION THAT POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF
CHAPTER VII REPRESENTED IMPORTANT LEVERAGE ON SOUTH AFRICA THAT
COULD ONLY BE USED ONCE AND THEREFORE HAD TO BE HELD BACK UNTIL
CRITICALLY NECESSARY. OBASANJO THEN RESPONDED WITH A REMARK
TO THE FOLLOWING EFFECT: "SO YOU WANT US TO HELP MAKE YOUR
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JOB EASIER? WELL, AMONG FRIENDS AND BROTHERS ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE."

2. COMMENT: WE CANNOT PREDICT WITH CERTAINTY WHAT EFFECT
OUR PRESENTATION TO OBASANJO MAY HAVE ON THE PERTINENT PORTION
OF THE FINAL DOCUMENT (PARAGRAPH NO. 21), BUT BELIEVE THERE
IS GOOD CHANCE OBASANJO WILL AT LEAST RAISE WITH HARRIMAN THE

FEASIBILITY OF ALTERNATE FORMULATION FOR CHAPTER VII
LANGUAGE.
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